IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Stephane RIMAUX Group Art Unit: 3663

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For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING A CONTINUOUSLY-VARIABLE TRACTION CHAIN OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH IS

DESIGNED TO IMPROVE NOISE CHARACTERISTICS

Attorney Docket Number: PSA0301273

Customer Number: 29980

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 December 9, 2008

Sir:

This paper is filed further to the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Decision dated August 12, 2008.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

A petition for a three-month extension of time and a Request for Continued

Examination (RCE) with request for suspension are submitted with this paper.

A **personal interview** to be held during the suspension period is respectfully requested.